Tourism has prioritised nine tourism projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 217 lakhs for Central Financial Assistance. During the Eighth Plan, the Department of Tourism sanctioned. Rs. 278.56 lakhs to Tripura for Tourism projects.

International Cargo Flights

2901. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :
SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures for direct International Cargo Flights from Calcutta to different countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (c) Carriers are free to operate Cargo Flights under the Open Sky Policy. Major carriers like Lufthansa, Royal Jordanian and Kuwait Airways are operating freighters from and to Calcutta regularly.

[Translation]

Utilisation of Funds

2902. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :
SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount made available by the Union Government to the Government of Assam, and other States for computers, television environment, science education etc. during the Eight Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount spent out of it, item-wise;

(c) whether the entire allocated funds could not be utilised; and

(d) if so, the manner and time by which the funds would be utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (d) Statements indicating the total amounts released to the State Government of Assam and other States and the amounts utilised by them during the Eighth Five Year Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools' (CLASS), Educational Technology, Scheme of Environmental Orientation to School Education and Improvement of Science Education are given in the Statements (I), (II), (III) & (IV) respectively.

The implementation schedules of four Schemes as referred to above vary from State of State. In certain cases State Governments have sought extension of period for utilisation of unspent amounts. Such State Governments have been impressed upon for speedy implementation of the Schemes.

Statement-I

(Rs. In lakhs)

Name of States/UTs	Total funds released	Utilisation status
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	373.80	Not reported by State Govt.
Arunachal Pradesh	42.17	6.32
Assam	234.50	148.80
Bihar	297.20	Not reported by State Govt.
Goa	100.35	77.20
Gujarat	372.70	Not reported by State Govt.
Haryana	237.15	Not reported by State Govt.
Himachal Pradesh	298.61	79.20
Jammu & Kashmir	118.79	Not reported by State Govt.
Karnataka	766.90	230.44
Kerala	416.76	122.00